

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

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Classification:	Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 13 years.
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Summary of reasons for decision:

The publication is a text document that instructs the reader in how to make a blowgun. The document contains little detail as to how the blowgun will work practically. It is likely that it will pose a very low risk of injury to others, but there is risk associated with using the device. Given that young persons are still developing their cognitive abilities, including risk-assessment, it is not unreasonable to consider them as having a higher risk of causing serious harm to themselves, should this document be available to them. A restriction to persons aged 13 and over is considered reasonable and justified, and the lowest reasonable restriction on the right to freedom of expression that can be applied in order to prevent injury to the public good.